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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of July 31, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the following Remarks.

Amendment

The Table on Page 1-2 in the Cross-Reference to Co-Pending Applications section is amended to replace US Application numbers with corresponding US granted Patent numbers. The Applicant submits that no new matter is introduced.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

Regarding Bailey et al. (US 4,681,829) in view of Reed et al. (US 6,585,348)

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Bailey in view of Reed, for at least the following reasons.

The Examiner asserts that "Reed et al. teach the ability to interchange a pagewidth printhead cartridge and a more conventional reciprocating printhead cartridge", based on the disclosure at col. 1, line 59-col. 2, line 9 of Reed, and that therefore it would have been obvious "to substitute a pagewidth printhead cartridge for the cartridge of Bailey et al."

However, the cited disclosure of Reed states, at col. 1, lines 59-61, that the "print head cartridge itself may be a carriage mounted print head cartridge that reciprocates transversely with respect to the recording medium" and then, at col. 2, lines 4-6, that "Alternatively, the print head cartridge may be a page-width print head cartridge that is stationary".

From this disclosure of Reed, one of ordinary skill in the art clearly understands that a page-width print head cartridge is not a "carriage mounted" cartridge because it is clear that the "carriage" is used to provide the reciprocating motion of the print head cartridge mounted thereon, which motion a page-width print head does not undergo.

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Further, Bailey merely discloses such a carriage assembly 14 for carrying the ink jet print cartridges 12A and 12B which are individually held in the carriage assembly by the latch assemblies 80 (see col. 3, lines 19-35 and col. 4, lines 24-34 of Bailey).

Thus, if one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine Bailey and Reed as asserted by the Examiner, they would not have been motivated to provide the latch assembly of Bailey for the page-width print head cartridge of Reed. This is because, the latch assembly of Bailey is merely for latching a cartridge to a carriage, which by the disclosure of Reed is not used for a page-width print head cartridge.

Furthermore, the Examiner's further cited reference in Drake et al. (US 5,572,244) merely teaches a manufacturing method for pagewidth printbars, and does not teach or suggest the manner in which such printbars are mounted to a printer. Thus, Drake does not teach or suggest any different manner of mounting the page-width print head cartridge of Reed to the printer of Bailey.

Thus, the subject matter of pending independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Bailey and Reed either taken alone or in combination.

Regarding Waller and Silverbrook

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending dependent claims 5-7 is not taught or suggested by Bailey and Reed further in view of any one or more of previously cited Waller and Silverbrook, because neither Waller nor Silverbrook make up for the above-discussed deficiencies in Bailey and Reed for at least the reasons previously discussed by the Applicant in the prosecution of the present application.

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It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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